

Dillenbaugh Creek Mitigation Bank City of Chehalis, Lewis County

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Project Overview

WSDOT is in to planning stages for the Dillenbaugh Creek Mitigation Bank (Dillenbaugh Bank) in Lewis County. The 61-acre site is located north of 13th Street/Rice Road, between Interstate 5 and Stan Headwall Park, in the City of Chehalis. WSDOT acquired the property in 1999 using funds from its Advance Environmental Mitigation Revolving Account (AEMRA). In 2007 WSDOT staff will hold a series of meetings with the Banking Oversight Committee (federal, state and appropriate local agencies) to get concurrence on site-design elements and obtain certification of the bank.

Expected Use

The Dillenbaugh Bank will be established to provide advance mitigation for unavoidable impacts to wetlands from future highway

construction projects within the Upper Chehalis River Basin (WRIA 23). The primary anticipated use of the bank will be future Interstate 5 widening projects between Toutle Park and Maytown.

Ecological Goals

The goals of the project are to improve flood storage, water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat functions, and to provide educational opportunities for the local community. Project components include relocation of Dillenbaugh Creek, restoration of riverine wetlands, and rehabilitation of existing wetlands within the site boundary.



Figure 1. View of site from Rice Road during ≥ 2-year flood event on January 18, 2005.



Figure 2. View looking north from southwestern end of the site (Spring 2001). Stan Headwall Park is visible in the photo along western site boundary.



Figure 3. View looking north from southeastern end of the site in (Spring 2001); Note the straightened/ditched Dillenbaugh Creek in middle of photo, and I-5 along eastern site boundary.